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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
CONCAVITY AND CONVEXITY ON
SAMPLE SURFACE, AND CHARGED
PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS

Examiner: P. A. Johnston

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2011, finally rejecting claims 12-18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.